

Montgomery Cares Advisory Board

January 23, 2019 Meeting Notes

MCAB Members Present: Betsy Ballard, Stephen Gammarino, Dr. Travis Gayles, Sybil Greenhut, Lynda Honberg, Yuchi Huang, Peter Lowet, Marie Mann, D. Maria Rice, Langston Smith, Wayne Swann

MCAB Members Absent: Julia Doherty, Sharron Holquin, T.J. Senker

DHHS Staff: Magda Brown, Tara Clemons, LaSonya Kelly, Robert Morrow

County Council Staff: Linda McMillan

Primary Care Coalition: Elizabeth Arend, Rose Botchway, Leslie Graham, Shanza Lewis, Marisol Ortiz

Guest: Diana Saladani *on behalf of T.J. Senker*

The Chair, Stephen Gammarino called the meeting to order at 6:22 pm

Item		Action Follow-up	Person Assigned	Due Date
1.	<p>Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2018 Steve Gammarino</p> <p><i>Moved by Lynda Honberg Seconded by Yuchi Huang</i> <i>The motion was approved unanimously.</i></p>			
2.	<p>Chair Report Steve Gammarino Committee Representation</p> <p>Steve highlighted the agenda items and mentioned that the nomination process was finalized</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Committee members are finalized based on the input after all requests received. The Chairs will remain the same. Wayne Swann will take over as Chair for Health Care for the Homeless. ▪ Lynda and Steve currently represent the Board at the joint advocates meetings. If anyone else is interested, please let Steve or Lynda know. ▪ The special committee on the eligibility transition is headed by Julia. Peter was asked to join representing the clinic leadership. ▪ The joint advocates met in earlier in the month and will need to spend time fine tuning the advocacy priorities, the committees will meet later in the month to evaluate ▪ A meeting with acting HHS director is scheduled for January 31st. Lynda and Steve will attend as well as the HCLC. The primary goal is to review the advocacy items resulting from today’s meeting. 			

<p>3. Health Care for the Uninsured Report Tara Clemons</p> <p>See Report and handout</p> <p>Tara provided an update on the HHS leadership and mentioned that the new administration is conducting a national search for a new DHHS Director. Vicky Buckland the County’s COO is currently the Acting Director</p> <p>Tara also shared that the County Executive’s FY19 recommended savings plan proposal was sent to Council early January and is being reviewed through committees. None of the reductions directly affected Public Health making this the first time that Montgomery Cares did not have a savings plan in a number of years.</p> <p><u>Monthly Status Report</u> (see handout)</p> <p>Tara reviewed the data for the Health Care for the Uninsured programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Montgomery Cares has served 17,619 patients through December with a total of 36,305 patient visits at the ten participating clinics. Year to date, the clinics have expended 52% of the FY19 budgeted amount for encounters, the benchmark for December is 50%. Clinic Encounters are projected to reach 74,000 by years end, which means that an additional \$298,000 dollars will potentially be needed if the utilization trend continues. This will need to be closely monitored as the budget is tighter than last year not leaving much room for flexibility ▪ Care for Kids Program had a 3% lower enrollment of new children through December compared with last year. CFK is fully staffed for the first time in a year plus. There are currently too many up/down variables to be able to identify trends. Enrollment is a priority due to this being the first year where a 2-year enrollment is being offered ▪ Maternity Partnership Program enrollment through December was 719 teens and women, a 4% decrease in overall enrollment compared with this time last year. The program is currently exploring a grant opportunity to increase the services provided. ▪ Dental Services has served 2,982 patients through December and provided 6,495 patient visits at our clinics. This is a 13% percent decrease in patients compared with the same time last year. ▪ Homeless Health has had a total of 94 patient visits through December, a 13% decrease over this time last year. The request for proposal for the medical respite program was recently posted on the County’s Procurement website. The 2019 Point-in-Time Homeless Count will occur tonight, January 23rd. <p><u>Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sybil questioned if the behavioral health numbers could be added to the monthly data report. ▪ Dr. Gayles mentioned that HHS is currently working on having the world largest health fair in April for National Public Health Week (NPHW). Healthy Montgomery is leading the charge and some activities will be HHS sponsored 			
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Gayles discussed the concerns surrounding adolescent usage of e-cigarettes and mentioned that e-juice has a higher nicotine content. He stated that some cases have presented with loss of consciousness and hallucinations. There is currently a working group with 3 Council members, EMS and members of the community. 			
4.	<p>Dental Program Update See handout</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Gayles provide a Dental Program Update to the Board. He mentioned that the Dental Director Position was previously filled but the individual resigned for personal reasons. The position was recently posted again, and applications are being received. Dr. Smith expressed concerns over the organizational chart and offered his expertise to review. He also mentioned that the referral system between Howard University and County Dental is working well. Peter questioned the work structure and asked to see the aspirational organizational chart when available. He also wanted to know if the clinics that provide dental services will be included. Dr. Gayles stated that he wants the network of affordable Dental care to grow but need to organize and streamline County Dental Services first. Tara mentioned that two of the community dental clinics are provided financial support through County funds. Marie mentioned that she would like to have more dental data available from the non-profit dental providers 	Travis Gayles		
5.	<p>Chair & Vice-Chair Vote</p> <p><u>Chair Nominee:</u> Steve Gammarino <u>Vice-Chair Nominee:</u> Donna Maria Rice</p> <p>Tara provided clarification of the Chair and Vice-Chair roles.</p> <p><i>Motion moved by Lynda Honberg Seconded by Langston Smith for Steve Gammarino to continue serving as Chair and for Dr. Donna Maria Rice to take over as Vice-Chair</i></p> <p><i>The motion was approved unanimously.</i></p>	Tara Clemons/Nominating Committee		
6.	<p>FY20 Advocacy Priorities See handout</p> <p>Steve highlighted the MCAB - FY20 Advocacy Recommendations from December 2018 as well as the January 2019 joint advocates meeting. The major differences are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care for Kids/Specialty care: Based on the current trends Troika recommends no increase 	Steve Gammarino		

- **Health Care for the Homeless/Home Health Aids:** More information needed to justify
- **Maternity Partnership/Lactation Consultant:** Troika would like more information on why this is needed
- **Montgomery Cares/Increase provider reimbursement:** Consensus for an increase but not on rate. HCLC will provide support for the reimbursement rate for consideration
- The MCAB agreed with the Joint Advocates that all MCAB programs should have a quality assurance program. At the January's Troika meeting it was recommended that \$70,000 be included in a separate category representing Quality Assurance for all MCares programs. The \$70,000 is a proxy figure for a QA audit similar to one full scale Montgomery Cares Quality Assurance review which is completed every 2 or 3 years

Discussion

- Peter and Lynda attended the joint advocates meeting. The consensus was that QA should not be something requiring advocacy on a regularly basis because it is an essential function. This could be taken as an opportunity to educate the Council
- Marie mentioned that the term Quality Assurance is a very antiquated concept. Quality yes assurance not so much. Steve asked the Board to come up with some ideas for a different phrasing.

Care for Kids Committee

- In agreement with current recommendations however, additional data which will be available in early March could mean the need for additional funding

Maternity Partnership

- In agreement with current recommendations, however, the need will be re-evaluated in March after the CE's budget is published. Additional funding may not be needed.
- Will not pursue the need for a lactation consultant. No data is currently available.

County Dental

- Dr. Smith would like to request that 2 merit Dentist positions be created. The rewards would be increased performance and productivity. No dollar amounts available yet

Health Care for the Homeless

- Split hours between Health Aides and Nursing Assistants depending on needs

Montgomery Cares

- In agreement with current recommendations for specialty care
- In agreement with Troika's recommendation of \$ 161,000 to represent last year's FY volume
- Provider reimbursement TBD
- In agreement with current recommendations Immunizations at \$ 230,000

These results will be shared with Acting HHS Director on January 31st.

7.	Montgomery Cares Mid-Year Report Highlights of the Montgomery Cares Mid-Year report will be given at the February meeting.	Elizabeth Arend		
8.	FY20 County Council Grants Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council grants will go out the week of February 4th. • MCAB will review and advise to the Grant Review committee and Council on grants related to the Health Care for the Uninsured programs. • There is a new enhanced online process. The number of grants is not currently available, but it is usually between 15-20 • Interviews/Presentations will take place during the February meeting • Final decisions will be made March. Linda explained that there will be no duplicates, only 1 application • There has been discussion on items that could be part of the base budget vs. grants (i.e.: Requests which are received year after year) 	County Staff		
9.	February Agenda & Next Steps The next meeting will be February 27, 2019.	Steve Gammarino		
10	Meeting Adjourned at 8:40pm <i>Motion to adjourn: Betsy Ballard</i> <i>Seconded: Yuchi Huang</i> <i>Unanimously approved</i>			

Respectfully submitted,

Tara Clemons
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